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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
OLIVER HUTTENLOCH, ET AL. : EXAMINER: CUTLIFF, Y.
SERIAL NO: 10/565,542 :
FILED: JANUARY 23, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1621
FOR: A PROCESS FOR THE :
PREPARATION OF ACYLPHOSPHINES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed December 3, 2007, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I: Claims 1-20 drawn to the preparation of acylphosphines of formula (I) wherein R1 is not a heterocycle ring, R2 is not a heterocycle ring and R3 is not a heterocycle ring, by reacting the phosphorous halides of formula (II) with the acid halides of formula (III) without isolation of intermediates and with sodium in a solvent in the presence of an activator.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

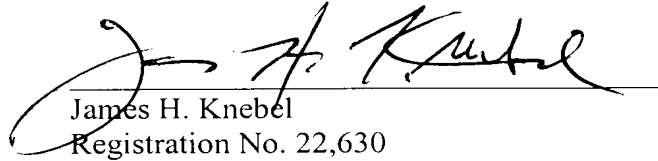
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